#### **Department of Veterans Affairs**

§4.118

		Rating
7710	Adenitis, tuberculous, active or inactive. Rate under §§ 4.88c or 4.89 of this part, whichever is appropriate.	
7714	Sickle cell anemia:	
	With repeated painful crises, occurring in skin, joints, bones or any major organs caused by hemolysis and sickling of red blood cells, with anemia, thrombosis and infarction, with symptoms precluding	
	even light manual labor	100
	With painful crises several times a year or with symptoms precluding other than	
	light manual laborFollowing repeated hemolytic sickling cri-	60
	ses with continuing impairment of health Asymptomatic, established case in remis- sion, but with identifiable organ impair-	30
	ment	10
tribu Cas the	Sickle cell trait alone, without a history of directable pathological findings, is not a ratable dies of symptomatic sickle cell trait will be forwer Director, Compensation and Pension Service, tration under §3.321(b)(1) of this chapter.	sability. Irded to
7715	Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma:	

With active disease or during a treatment phase ...

NOTE: The 100 percent rating shall continue beyond the cessation of any surgical, radiation, antineoplastic chemotherapy or other therapeutic procedures. Six months after discontinuance of such treatment, the appropriate disability rating shall be dtermined by mandatory VA examination. Any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of §3.105(e) of this chapter. If there has been no local recurrence or metastasis, rate on residuals.

#### 7716 Aplastic anemia:

Requiring bone marrow transplant, or; requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once every six weeks, or; infections recurring at least once every six weeks ..

Requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once every three months, or; infections recurring at least once

every three months .... Requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once per year but less than once every three months, or; infections recurring at least once per year but less than once every three months Requiring continuous medication for control

NOTE: The 100 percent rating for bone marrow transplant shall be assigned as of the date of hospital admission and shall continue with a mandatory VA examination six months following hospital discharge. Any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of §3.105(e) of this chapter.

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### THE SKIN

#### § 4.118 Schedule of ratings—skin.

		Rat- ing
7800	Disfigurement of the head face or neck:	

	Rat- ing
With visible or palpable tissue loss and either gross distortion or asymmetry of three or more features or paired sets of features (nose, chin, forehead, eyes (including eyelids), ears (auricles), cheeks, lips), or; with six or more characteristics of disfigurement  With visible or palpable tissue loss and either gross distortion or asymmetry of two features or paired sets of features (nose, chin, forehead, eyes (including eyelids),	80
ears (auricles), cheeks, lips), or, with four or five characteristics of disfigurement With visible or palpable tissue loss and either gross distortion or asymmetry of one feature or paired set of features (nose, chin, forehead, eyes (including eyelids), ears (auricles), cheeks, lips), or; with two	50
or three characteristics of disfigurement With one characteristic of disfigurement Note (1):The 8 characteristics of disfigurement, for purposes of evaluation under § 4.118, are:	30 10
Scar 5 or more inches (13 or more cm.) in length.  Scar at least one-quarter inch (0.6 cm.) wide at widest part.  Surface contour of scar elevated or depressed on palpation.  Scar adherent to underlying tissue.  Skin hypo-or hyper-pigmented in an area exceeding six square inches (39 sq. cm.).  Skin texture abnormal (irregular, atrophic, shiny, scaly, etc.) in an area exceeding six square inches (39 sq. cm.).  Underlying soft tissue missing in an area exceeding six square inches (39 sq. cm.).  Skin indurated and inflexible in an area exceeding six square inches (39 sq. cm.).  Note (2): Rate tissue loss of the auricle under DC 6207 (loss of auricle) and anatomical loss of the eye under DC 6061 (anatomical loss of both eyes) or DC 6063 (anatomical loss of one eye), as appropriate.  Note (3): Take into consideration unretouched color photographs when evaluating under these criteria.  7801 Scars, other than head, face, or neck, that are deep or that cause limited motion:	
Area or areas exceeding 144 square inches (929 sq.cm.)	40
(465 sq. cm.)	30
(77 sq. cm.)	20
Note (1): Scars in widely separated areas, as on two or more extremities or on anterior and posterior surfaces of extremities or trunk, will be separately rated and combined in accordance with §4.25 of this part.  Note (2): A deep scar is one associated with underlying soft tissue damage.  7802 Scars, other than head, face, or neck, that are superficial and that do not cause limited motion:	10

Area or areas of 144 square inches (929 sq.

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cm.) or greater ...

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	Note (1): Scars in widely separated areas, as on two or more extremities or on anterior and posterior surfaces of extremities or trunk, will be separately rated and combined in accordance with §4.25 of this		Note: Evaluate non-cutaneous (visceral) leishmaniasis under DC 6301 (visceral leishmaniasis).  7809 Discoid lupus erythematosus or subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus:	
	part.  Note (2): A superficial scar is one not asso-		Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's 7801, 7802,	
	ciated with underlying soft tissue damage.		7803, 7804, or 7805), or dermatitis (DC	
	cars, superficial, unstable	10	7806), depending upon the predominant disability. Do not combine with ratings under DC 6350.	
	ering of skin over the scar.		7811 Tuberculosis luposa (lupus vulgaris), active or	
	<b>Note (2):</b> A superficial scar is one not associated with underlying soft tissue damage.		inactive: Rate under §§ 4.88c or 4.89, whichever is	
804 S	cars, superficial, painful on examination	10	appropriate.	
	Note (1): A superficial scar is one not asso-		7813 Dermatophytosis (ringworm: of body, tinea	
	ciated with underlying soft tissue damage. <b>Note (2):</b> In this case, a 10-percent evalua-		corporis; of head, tinea capitis; of feet, tinea pedis; of beard area, tinea barbae; of nails, tinea	
	tion will be assigned for a scar on the tip		unguium; of inguinal area (jock itch), tinea cruris):	
	of a finger or toe even though amputation		Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or	
	of the part would not warrant a compen-		neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's 7801, 7802,	
	sable evaluation.		7803, 7804, or 7805), or dermatitis (DC	
	(See § 4.68 of this part on the amputation rule.)		7806), depending upon the predominant disability.	
805 S	cars, other; Rate on limitation of function of		7815 Bullous disorders (including pemphigus	
	ed part.		vulgaris, pemphigus foliaceous, bullous	
	Permatitis or eczema.  More than 40 percent of the entire body or		pemphigoid, dermatitis herpetiformis, epidermolysis bullosa acquisita, benign chronic familial	
	more than 40 percent of exposed areas		pemphigus (Hailey-Hailey), and porphyria cutanea	
	affected, or; constant or near-constant		tarda):	
	systemic therapy such as corticosteroids		More than 40 percent of the entire body or	
	or other immunosuppressive drugs required during the past 12-month period	60	more than 40 percent of exposed areas affected, or; constant or near-constant	
	20 to 40 percent of the entire body or 20 to	00	systemic therapy such as corticosteroids	
	40 percent of exposed areas affected, or;		or other immunosuppressive drugs re-	
	systemic therapy such as corticosteroids		quired during the past 12-month period	6
	or other immunosuppressive drugs re- quired for a total duration of six weeks or		20 to 40 percent of the entire body or 20 to 40 percent of exposed areas affected, or;	
	more, but not constantly, during the past		systemic therapy such as corticosteroids	
	12-month period	30	or other immunosuppressive drugs re-	
	At least 5 percent, but less than 20 percent,		quired for a total duration of six weeks or	
	of the entire body, or at least 5 percent, but less than 20 percent, of exposed		more, but not constantly, during the past 12-month period	30
	areas affected, or; intermittent systemic		At least 5 percent, but less than 20 percent,	Ū
	therapy such as corticosteroids or other		of the entire body, or at least 5 percent,	
	immunosuppressive drugs required for a total duration of less than six weeks dur-		but less than 20 percent, of exposed	
	ing the past 12-month period	10	areas affected, or; intermittent systemic therapy such as corticosteroids or other	
	Less than 5 percent of the entire body or		immunosuppressive drugs required for a	
	less than 5 percent of exposed areas af-		total duration of less than six weeks dur-	
	fected, and; no more than topical therapy required during the past 12-month period	0	ing the past 12-month periodLess than 5 percent of the entire body or	1
	Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face,		exposed areas affected, and; no more	
	or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801,		than topical therapy required during the	
	7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending upon the predominant disability.		past 12-month period	
807 A	merican (New World) leishmaniasis		or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801,	
(muco	cutaneous, espundia):		7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending	
	Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or		upon the predominant disability.	
	neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), or dermatitis (DC		7816 Psoriasis:  More than 40 percent of the entire body or	
	7806), depending upon the predominant		more than 40 percent of exposed areas	
	disability.		affected, or; constant or near-constant	
	Note: Evaluate non-cutaneous (visceral)		systemic therapy such as corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive drugs re-	
	leishmaniasis under DC 6301 (visceral leishmaniasis).		or other immunosuppressive drugs required during the past 12-month period	6
808 O	old World leishmaniasis (cutaneous, Oriental		20 to 40 percent of the entire body or 20 to	3
sore):	•		40 percent of exposed areas affected, or;	
	Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or		systemic therapy such as corticosteroids	
	neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's, 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), or dermatitis (DC		or other immunosuppressive drugs re- quired for a total duration of six weeks or	
	7806), depending upon the predominant		more, but not constantly, during the past	
	disabililty.		12-month period	3

	Rat- ing		Rat- ing
At least 5 percent, but less than 20 percent, of the entire body, or at least 5 percent, but less than 20 percent, of exposed areas affected, or; intermittent systemic therapy such as corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive drugs required for a total duration of less than six weeks during the past 12-month period		Note: If a skin malignancy requires therapy that is comparable to that used for systemic malignancies, i.e., systemic chemotherapy, X-ray therapy more extensive than to the skin, or surgery more extensive than wide local excision, a 100-percent evaluation will be assigned from the date of onset of treatment, and will continue, with a mandatory VA examination six months following the completion of such antineoplastic treatment, and any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination will be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e) of this chapter. If there has been no local recurrence or metastasis, evaluation will then be made on residuals. If treatment is confined to the skin, the provisions for a 100-percent evaluation do not apply.  7819 Benign skin neoplasms:  Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), or impairment of function.  7820 Infections of the skin not listed elsewhere (including bacterial, fungal, viral, treponemal and parasitic diseases):  Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), or dermatitis (DC 7806), depending upon the predominant disability.  7821 Cutaneous manifestations of collagen-vascular diseases not listed elsewhere (including scleroderma, calcinosis cutis, and dermatomyositis):  More than 40 percent of the entire body or more than 40 percent of exposed areas affected, or; constant or near-constant systemic therapy such as corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive drugs required during the past 12-month period	
function.		upon the predominant disability.  7822 Papulosquamous disorders not listed elsewhere (including lichen planus, large or small plaque parapsoriasis, pityriasis lichenoides et varioliformis acuta (PLEVA), lymphomatoid papulosus, and pityriasis rubra pilaris (PRP)):	

		Rat- ing			Rat- ing
more that affected, systemic	40 percent of the entire body or an 40 percent of exposed areas and; constant or near-constant medications or intensive light			Recurrent debilitating episodes occurring at least four times during the past 12-month period, and; requiring intermittent systemic immunosuppressive therapy for	20
period 20 to 40 pe	required during the past 12-month	60		Recurrent episodes occurring one to three times during the past 12-month period,	30
systemic required	ent of exposed areas affected, or; therapy or intensive light therapy for a total duration of six weeks			and; requiring intermittent systemic immunosuppressive therapy for control	10
past 12-r At least 5 p	, but not constantly, during the month period	30	7827	7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending upon the predominant disability.  Erythema multiforme; Toxic epidermal	
but less areas aff tensive I	than 20 percent, of exposed fected, or; systemic therapy or inight therapy required for a total		nec	rolysis:  Recurrent debilitating episodes occurring at least four times during the past 12-month	
past 12-r Less than	of less than six weeks during the month period	10		period despite ongoing immuno- suppressive therapy	60
than top past 12-r	areas affected, and; no more ical therapy required during the month period	0		and; requiring intermittent systemic immunosuppressive therapy	30
or neck 7802, 78	disfigurement of the head, face, (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801, 803, 7804, or 7805), depending predominant disability.			past 12-month period that respond to treatment with antihistamines or sympathomimetics, or; one to three epi- sodes occurring during the past 12-month	
With expos	ed areas affected	10		period requiring intermittent systemic im- munosuppressive therapy	10
7824 Diseases of k Darier's disease, a With either	posed areas affectederatinization (including icthyoses, and palmoplantar keratoderma): r generalized cutaneous involve- systemic manifestations, and;	0		Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending upon the predominant disability.	
constant cation, retinoids,	or near-constant systemic medi- such as immunosuppressive required during the past 12-	00	7828	Acne:  Deep acne (deep inflamed nodules and pusfilled cysts) affecting 40 percent or more of the face and neck	30
With either ment or	r generalized cutaneous involve- systemic manifestations, and; ent systemic medication, such as	60		Deep acne (deep inflamed nodules and pus- filled cysts) affecting less than 40 percent of the face and neck, or; deep acne other	10
a total di not cons	suppressive retinoids, required for uration of six weeks or more, but stantly, during the past 12-month	00		than on the face and neck	0
With locali volvemer cation,	ized or episodic cutaneous in- nt and intermittent systemic medi- such as immunosuppressive required for a total duration of	30	7829	or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending upon the predominant disability. Chloracne:	
less than month pe	n six weeks during the past 12- eriodhan topical therapy required dur-	10		Deep acne (deep inflamed nodules and pus- filled cysts) affecting 40 percent or more of the face and neck	30
7825 Urticaria:	ast 12-month perioddebilitating episodes occurring at	0		filled cysts) affecting less than 40 percent of the face and neck, or; deep acne other than on the face and neck	10
least fou period	r times during the past 12-month despite continuous immuno- sive therapy	60		Superficial acne (comedones, papules, pustules, superficial cysts) of any extent Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face,	0
least fou period,	debilitating episodes occurring at r times during the past 12-month and; requiring intermittent sys-		7000	or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending upon the predominant disability.	
control Recurrent times du	mmunosuppressive therapy for episodes occurring at least four uring the past 12-month period,	30		Scarring alopecia: Affecting more than 40 percent of the scalp Affecting 20 to 40 percent of the scalp Affecting less than 20 percent of the scalp	20 10 0
tamines of		10	7831	With loss of all body hairWith loss of hair limited to scalp and face	10 0
least fou	debilitating episodes occurring at r times during the past 12-month despite continuous immunosive therapy	60	7832	Hyperhidrosis: Unable to handle paper or tools because of moisture, and unresponsive to therapy Able to handle paper or tools after therapy	30 0

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7833	Malignant melanoma: Rate as scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800), or impairment of function (under the appropriate body system).  Note: If a skin malignancy requires therapy that is comparable to that used for systemic malignancies, i.e., systemic chemotherapy, X-ray therapy more extensive than to the skin, or surgery more extensive than wide local excision, a 100-percent evaluation will be assigned from the date of onset of treatment, and will continue, with a mandatory VA examination six months following the completion of such antineoplastic treatment, and any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination will be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e). If there has been no local recurrence or metastasis, evaluation will then be made on residuals. If treatment is confined to the skin, the provisions for a 100-percent evaluation do not apply.	

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## THE ENDOCRINE SYSTEM

# $\$\,4.119$ Schedule of ratings—endocrine system.

	Rat- ing
7900 Hyperthyroidism	
Thyroid enlargement, tachycardia (more than 100 beats per minute), eye involvement, muscular weakness, loss of weight, and sympathetic nervous system, cardiovascular, or	
astrointestinal symptoms	100
Emotional instability, tachycardia, fatigability, and increased pulse pressure or blood pressure  Tachycardia, tremor, and increased pulse pres-	60
sure or blood pressure	30
Tachycardia, which may be intermittent, and trem-	
or, or; continuous medication required for control	10
NOTE (1): If disease of the heart is the predominant finding, evaluate as hyperthyroid heart disease (DC 7008) if doing so would result in a higher evaluation than using the criteria above.  NOTE (2): If ophthalmopathy is the sole finding, evaluate as field vision, impairment of (DC 6080); diplopia (DC 6090); or impairment of central visual acuity (DC 6061–6079).  7901 Thyroid gland, toxic adenoma of Thyroid enlargement, tachycardia (more than 100	
beats per minute), eye involvement, muscular weakness, loss of weight, and sympathetic nervous system, cardiovascular, or gastro-	
intestinal symptoms	100
increased pulse pressure or blood pressure	60
Tachycardia, tremor, and increased pulse pressure or blood pressure	30

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Tachycardia, which may be intermittent, and trem- or, or; continuous medication required for con-	10
trol	10
7902 Thyroid gland, nontoxic adenoma of	
With disfigurement of the head or neck	20 0
7903 Hypothyroidism Cold intolerance, muscular weakness, cardio-	
vascular involvement, mental disturbance (de- mentia, slowing of thought, depression), bradycardia (less than 60 beats per minute),	
and sleepiness  Muscular weakness, mental disturbance, and	100
weight gain	60
Fatigability, constipation, and mental sluggishness Fatigability, or; continuous medication required for	30
control	10
Generalized decalcification of bones, kidney stones, gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, anorexia, constipation, weight loss, or peptic ulcer), and weakness	100 60 10
Marked neuromuscular excitability (such as convulsions, muscular spasms (tetany), or laryngeal stridor) plus either cataract or evidence of increased intracranial pressure (such as papilledema)	100 60 10
or adrenal gland	100
Loss of muscle strength and enlargement of pitui- tary or adrenal gland	60
With striae, obesity, moon face, glucose intoler- ance, and vascular fragility	30
NOTE: With recovery or control, evaluate as residuals of adrenal insufficiency or cardiovascular, psychiatric, skin, or skeletal complications under appropriate diagnostic code.  7908 Acromegaly  Evidence of increased intracranial pressure (such	
as visual field defect), arthropathy, glucose in- tolerance, and either hypertension or cardio- megaly	100
Arthropathy, glucose intolerance, and hyper-	
tension	60